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Mr. Joseph Jensen, Chairman
Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District
Los Angeles 13, California.

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Dear Joe:

Mingled emotions of humility and appreciation make the writing of this letter difficult.

But I do want to thank each and every member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District for the great honors given me at the luncheon in the Hotel Biltmore Ballroom yesterday.

The dedication of the Intake Pumping Plant, bearing my name, - with the beautiful bronze plaque placed thereon, - will ever be one of the outstanding events of my life.

A very special word of appreciation goes to the Dedication and Program Committee composed of my long time associates and good friends, with Dave Pontius as chairman.

Also I want to thank and highly commend the very efficient staff, under the direction of Don Kinsey, for the excellent way in which every detail of and for the dedication was handled - from the making of the pictures out on the Aqueduct to the seating of the guests at the luncheon tables.

I was especially pleased that the dedication was made an occasion for stimulating public interest in our ever-present water problems.

By the use of Press, Radio and Television, - with broad and friendly coverage on all fronts, you reached millions of water users in Southern California, who too often take water for granted, without knowing the difficulty of getting and keeping this necessity

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of life in our semi-desert Southland.

Last but not least, I am personally grateful to my old friends and associates in District work, - Joe Jensen as Board Chairman; Dave Pontius as Committee Chairman; Robert B. Deimer as General Manager, James H. Howard as General Counsel and our former Board member Judge Otto Emme, whom you called back to speak on this special occasion.

The more than generous appraisal of my work by these fine men is but a reflection of what they themselves have given and are giving to provide what always has been, and always will be the greatest need of Southern California - Water!

Very sincerely,

W. P. WHITSETT